



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Protecting Your Pets

You never know when and where disaster will strike. Be sure to prepare for every member of your household well before an emergency takes place. Planning is the best way to ensure the safety and well-being of all of your loved ones and property.

- Keep a collar/harness and tag or other ID on your animals. Micro-chipping is recommended as collars can come off.
- Put together an emergency kit for your animal which includes a two week supply of water, food, and any necessary medications. Materials needed to properly dispose of waste should also be included in your kit
- You should have a picture of you/your family with your pet kept in your emergency kit. This will help identify you as the owner if you should be separated from your pet in a disaster. Include detailed information about species, breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.
- Have a leash, carrier, cage, or kennel for each animal.
- Keep vaccination records and pet Information sheet easily accessible and in waterproof containers.
- Identify several locations where you can take your animals should you have to evacuate your neighborhood.

Don't Forget Your Pet!

Keep a removable sign in your window alerting authorities of the types and number of pets inside your home. Make sure to write the words **"Evacuated with Pets"** across the sign, should you or someone else flee with them.



PREPARE FOR YOUR PETS!

Develop a buddy system with a trusted friend, neighbor, or family member to ensure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets, should you be unable to do so. Make sure that both your pet and your pet care partner are comfortable with each other as your pets temperament may change in time of an emergency. Talk with your pet care partners about your evacuation plans and show them where you keep your pets emergency supply kit. Also, be sure to designate specific locations, one in your immediate neighborhood and another further away, where you will meet in an emergency.

PLAN HOW YOU WILL ASSEMBLE YOUR PETS AND WHERE YOU WILL GO – PRACTICE IF POSSIBLE!

Keep a list of important contact information enclosed in both your pets emergency supply kit and yours as well. This list should have the number and address of your pet's veterinarian, local humane societies, pet shelters, and emergency animal clinics. Have a list of pet-friendly hotels and motels.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department reminds people to be ready and have a plan of action in place in case a disaster occurs in your area. For more information about disaster planning, please review the **Ready! Set! Go! Program** at www.sbcfire.com.

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